

## WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>  
Juneteenth/Fr. Day  
Dr. Seuss' Series



### OPENING OF WORSHIP

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Soup's On Returns inside in July – to go meals still available inside building

### PRELUDE

\*Song of Welcome: Open Doors, by Chris McManus

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us find God,

**In places both expected and unexpected.**

Let us ponder the mystery,

**As we ask if we are waiting, staying, hung up, charging ahead, or in a muddle.**

If we're standing on the precipice,

**Then let the Lord reveal to us a new sense of direction, a new way to engage with the world, eyes to see things anew.**

Opening Hymn:           UMH 548 In Christ There Is No East or West

### TIME OF PRAYER

#### UNISON PRAYER

O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God.

○ Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life,  
breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in  
the midst of the storm.

○ still, small voice, speak to us this hour  
that we might become makers of Your peace  
in our homes, in our communities, in our world.  
We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging  
sea. **Amen.**

~ posted on My Redeemer Lives website. <http://www.myredeemerlives.com/prayers.html>

## PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC) LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this  
day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now  
and forever. Amen.

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER TFWS 2233 Where Children Belong

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE PA

HYMN And Are We Yet Alive UMH 553

## OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

Almighty God,  
giver of every good and perfect gift,  
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,  
that we may praise you not with our words only,  
but with our whole lives.

**LESSON 1                      Galatians 3:23-29    CEB**

<sup>23</sup> Before faith came, we were guarded under the Law, locked up until faith that was coming would be revealed, <sup>24</sup> so that the Law became our custodian until Christ so that we might be made righteous by faith.

<sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian.

<sup>26</sup> You are all God's children through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> Now if you belong to Christ, then indeed you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to the promise.

**May God add a blessing to this reading.**

**\*LESSON 2                      Luke 8:26-39                      CEB**

<sup>26</sup> **Jesus and his disciples sailed to the Gerasenes' land, which is across the lake from Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As soon as Jesus got out of the boat, a certain man met him. The man was from the city and was possessed by demons. For a long time, he had lived among the tombs, naked and homeless. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he shrieked and fell down before him. Then he shouted,**

**“What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!”** <sup>29</sup> He said this because Jesus had already commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had taken possession of him, so he would be bound with leg irons and chains and placed under guard. But he would break his restraints, and the demon would force him into the wilderness.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, **“What is your name?”**

**“Legion,”** he replied, because many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They pleaded with him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs. Jesus gave them permission, <sup>33</sup> and the demons left the man and entered the pigs. The herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and drowned.

<sup>34</sup> **When those who tended the pigs saw what happened, they ran away and told the story in the city and in the countryside.** <sup>35</sup> People came to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone. He was sitting at Jesus’ feet, fully dressed and completely sane. They were filled with awe. <sup>36</sup> Those people who had actually seen what had happened told them how the demon-possessed man had been delivered. <sup>37</sup> Then everyone gathered from the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave their area because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and returned across the lake. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged to come along with Jesus as one of his disciples. Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> **“Return home and tell the story of what God has done for you.”** So he went throughout the city proclaiming what Jesus had done for him.

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "What strange places"

HYMN UMH 444 O Young and Fearless Prophet

BENEDICTION  
UMH 143 On Eagle's Wings

POSTLUDE